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In the days of old the birds lived at *random* in a lawless state of anarchy; but in time they moved for the setting up of a king. *L'Estrange's Fables.*

Who could govern the dependance of one event upon another, if that event happened at *random*, and was not cast into a certain relation to some foregoing purpose to direct. *South.*

'Tis one thing when a person of true merit is drawn as like as we can; and another, when we make a fine thing at *random*, and persuade the next vain creature that 'tis his own likeness. *Pope.*

RAN'DOM. *adj.* Done by chance; roving without direction. Virtue borrow'd but the arms of chance, And struck a *random* blow! 'twas fortune's work, And fortune take the praise. *Dryden.*

RAN'FORCE. *n. f.* The ring of a gun next the touch-hole. *Bailey.*

RANG. *preterite of ring.* Complaints were sent continually up to Rome, and *rang* all over the empire. *Crew's Cosmol.*

TO RANGE. *v. a.* [*ranger*, Fr. *rhenge*, Welsh.]

1. To place in order; to put in ranks. Maccabeus *ranged* his army by bands, and went against Timotheus. *2 Mac. xii. 20.*

He saw not the marquis till the battle was *ranged*. *Clarend.*

Somewhat rais'd By false presumptuous hope, the *ranged* pow'rs Disband, and wand'ring each his several way Pursues. *Milton.*

Men, from the qualities they find united in them, and wherein they observe several individuals to agree, *range* them into forts for the convenience of comprehensive signs. *Locke.*

A certain form and order, in which we have long accustomed ourselves to *range* our ideas, may be best for us now, though not originally best in itself. *Watts.*

2. To rove over.

To the copse thy lesser spaniel take, Teach him to *range* the ditch and force the brake. *Gay.*

TO RANGE. *v. n.*

1. To rove at large.

Cæsar's spirit *ranging* for revenge, With Ate by his side come hot from hell, Shall in these confines, with a monarch's voice, Cry havoc, and let slip the dogs of war. *Shakefp.*

'Tis better to be lowly born, And *range* with humble livers in content, Than to be perk'd up in a glist'ring grief, And wear a golden sorrow. *Shakefp. Henry VIII.*

I saw him in the battle *range* about; And watch'd him, how he singled Clifford forth. *Shakefp.*

As a roaring lion and a *ranging* bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people. *Prov. xxviii. 15.*

Other animals unactive *range*, And of their doings God takes no account. *Milton.*

Thanks to my stars, I have not *rang'd* about The wilds of life, ere I could find a friend. *Addison.*

2. To be placed in order.

That is the way to lay the city flat, To bring the roof to the foundation, And bury all which yet distinctly *ranges* In heaps of ruin. *Shakefp. Coriolanus.*

RANGE. *n. f.* [*range*, Fr. from the verb.]

1. A rank; any thing placed in a line.

You fled From that great face of war, whose several *ranges* Frighted each other. *Shakefp. Antony and Cleopatra.*

The light, which passed through its several interstices, painted so many *ranges* of colours, which were parallel and contiguous, and without any mixture of white. *Newton.*

From this walk you have a full view of a huge *range* of mountains, that lie in the country of the Grisons. *Addison.*

These *ranges* of barren mountains, by condensing the vapours and producing rains, fountains and rivers, give the very plains that fertility they boast of. *Bentley's Sermons.*

2. A class; an order.

The next *range* of beings above him are the immaterial intelligences, the next below him is the sensible nature. *Hale.*

3. Excursion; wandering.

He may take a *range* all the world over, and draw in all that wide circumference of sin and vice, and center it in his own breast. *South's Sermons.*

4. Room for excursion.

A man has not enough *range* of thought, to look out for any good which does not relate to his own interest. *Addison.*

5. Compais taken in by any thing excurfive, extended, or ranked in order.

Far as creation's ample *range* extends, The scale of sensual mental pow'rs ascends. *Pope.*

Judge we by nature? habit can efface; Affections? they still take a wider *range*. *Pope.*

6. Step of a ladder.

The liturgy, practised in England, would kindle that jealousy, as the prologue to that design, and as the first *range* of that ladder, which should serve to mount over all their customs. *Clarendon.*

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7. A kitchen grate.

Its door forth right to him did open, Therein an hundred *ranges* were nigh, And hundred furnaces all burning bright. *Fairy Queen.*

It was a vault ybuilt for great dispende, With many *ranges* rear'd along the wall, And one great chimney. *Fairy Queen.*

The buttery must be visible, and we need for our *range*, a more spacious and luminous kitchen. *Wotton's Architect.*

The implements of the kitchen are spits, *ranges*, coblions and pots. *Bacon's Physical Remains.*

He was bid at his first coming to take off the *range*, and let down the cinders. *L'Estrange.*

RANGER. *n. f.* [*from range*.]

1. One that ranges; a rover; a robber.

They walk not wicly, as they were wont, For fear of *rangers* and the great hoozt, But privily pralling to and fro. *Spenser's Pastoral.*

Come, says the *ranger*, here's neither honour nor money to be got by staying. *L'Estrange.*

2. A dog that beats the ground.

Let your obsequious *ranger* search around, Nor will the roving spy direct in vain, But numerous coveys gratify thy pain. *Gay's Rural Sports.*

3. An officer who tends the game of a forest.

Their father Tyrreus did his fodder bring, Tyrreus chief *ranger* to the Latian king. *Dryden.*

RANK. *adj.* [*rank*, Saxon.]

1. High growing; strong; luxuriant.

Down with the grass, That groweth in shadow so *ranke* and so stout. *Tusser.*

Is not thilk fame gotheard proud, That sits in yonder bank, Whose straying heard themselves shrowde Emong the bushes *rank*. *Spenser.*

Who would be out, being before his beloved mistress? —That should you, if I were your mistress, or I should think my honesty *ranker* than my wit. *Shakefp.*

In which disguise, While other jests are something *rank* on foot, Her father hath commanded her to slip Away with Slender. *Shakefp. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

Seven ears came up upon one stalk, *rank* and good. *Gen.*

They fancy that the difference lies in the manner of appluse, one being made by a fuller or *ranker* appluse than the other. *Holder's Elements of Speech.*

The most plentiful season, that gives birth to the finest flowers, produces also the *rankest* weeds. *Addison.*

2. Fruitful; bearing strong plants.

Seven thousand broad-tail'd sheep graz'd on his downs; Three thousand camels his *rank* pastures fed. *Sandys.*

Where land is *rank*, 'tis not good to sow wheat after a fallow. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

3. [*Rancidus*, Lat.] Strong scented; rancid.

Rank smelling rue, and cummin good for eyes. *Spenser.*

In their thick breaths, *Rank* of grofs diet, shall we be enclouded, And forc'd to drink their vapour. *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*

The ewes, being *rank*, In the end of Autumn turned to the rams. *Shakefp.*

The drying marshes such a stench convey, Such the *rank* steams of reeking Albula. *Addison.*

Hircina, *rank* with sweat, perfumes To censure Phillis for perfumes. *Swift's Miscellanies.*

4. High tasted; strong in quality.

Such animals as feed upon flesh, because such kind of food is high and *rank*, qualify it; the one by swallowing the hair of the beasts they prey upon, the other by devouring some part of the feathers of the birds they gorge themselves with. *Roy on the Creation.*

Divers sea fowl taste *rank* of the fish on which they feed. *Boyl.*

5. Rampant; highgrown.

For you, most wicked Sir, whom to call brother Would infect my mouth, I do forgive Thy *rank* faults. *Shakefp. Temp.*

This Epiphanius cries out upon as *rank* idolatry, and the device of the devil, who always brought in idolatry under fair pretences. *Stillington's Des. of Discourse on Roman Idol.*

'Tis pride, *rank* pride, and haughtiness of soul, The Romans call it itoicism. *Addison's Cato.*

6. Grofs; coarse.

My wife's a hobby-horse, deserves name As *rank* as any flax-wench, that puts to Before her troth-plight. *Shakefp. Winter's Tale.*

This power of the people in Athens, claimed as the undoubted privilege of an Athenian born, was the *rankest* encroachment and the grossest degeneracy from the loim Solon left. *Swift.*

7. The iron of a plane is set *rank*, when its edge stands so flat below the sole of the plane, that in working it will take off a thick shaving. *Mason's Mechanical Exercises.*

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RANK. *n. f.* [*rang*, Fr.]

1. Line of men placed a-breast.

Fierce fiery warriors fight upon the clouds, In *rank*, and squadrons, and right form of war, Which drizzled blood upon the capitol. *Shakefp.*

I have seen the cannon, When it hath blown his *rank* into the air. *Shakefp.*

Is't not pity, That we, the sons and children of this isle, Fill up her enemies *rank*? *Shakefp. King John.*

If you have a station in the file, And not in the worst *rank* of manhood, say it. *Shakefp.*

2. A row.

West of this place down in the neighbour bottom, The *rank* of officers, by the murmuring stream, Left on your right hand brings you to the place. *Shakefp.*

A sylvan scene, and as the *rank* ascend Shade above shade, a woody theatre. *Milton.*

If the walk, in even *rank*s they stand, Like some well-marshall'd and obsequious band. *Waller.*

He could through *rank*s of ruin go, With forms above and rocks below. *Dryden's Horace.*

3. Range of subordination.

The wisdom and goodness of the maker plainly appears in the parts of this stupendous fabrick, and the several degrees and *rank*s of creatures in it. *Locke.*

4. Class; order.

The enchanting power of prosperity over private persons is remarkable in relation to great kingdoms, where all *rank*s and orders of men, being equally concerned in publick blessings, equally join in spreading the infection. *Atterbury.*

5. Degree of dignity.

Her charms have made me man, her ravish'd love In *rank* shall place me with the blest above. *Dryden.*

These all are virtues of a meaner *rank*, Perfections that are plac'd in bones and nerves. *Addison.*

Lepidus's house, which in his consulate was the finest in Rome, within thirty-five years was not in the hundredth *rank*. *Arbutnot on Coins.*

6. Dignity; high place; as, *he is a man of rank*.

TO RANK. *v. a.* [*ranger*, Fr. from the noun.]

1. To place a-breast.

In view stood *rank'd* of seraphim another row. *Milton.*

2. To range in any particular class.

If four wee delights in fellow-ship, And needily will be *rank'd* with other griefs; Why follow'd not, when the said Tybalt's dead, Thy father or thy mother. *Shakefp.*

He was a man Of an unbounded stomach, ever *ranking* Himself with princes. *Shakefp. Henry VIII.*

Hereby is *ranked* with idolatry and witchcraft. *Decay of Piety.*

I have *ranked* this diversion of christian practice among the effects of our contentions. *Decay of Piety.*

Poets were *ranked* in the class of philosophers, and the ancients made use of them as preceptors in music and morality. *Broom's Notes on the Odyssey.*

3. To arrange methodically.

Who now shall rear you to the sun, or *rank* Your tribes. *Milton.*

Ranking all things under general and special heads, renders the nature or uses of a thing more easy to be found out, when we seek in what *rank* of beings it lies. *Watts's Logic.*

TO RANK. *v. n.* To be ranged; to be placed.

Let that one article *rank* with the rest; And thereupon give me your daughter. *Shakefp.*

From straggling mountaineers, for publick good, To *rank* in tribes, and quit the savage wood. *Tate.*

TO RANKLE. *v. n.* [*from rank*.] To fester; to breed corruption; to be inflamed in body or mind.

As when two boars with *rankling* malice met, Their gory sides fresh bleeding fiercely fret. *Fa. Queen.*

I little smart did feel; But soon it fore increased, And now it *rankleth* more and more, And inwardly it festereth fore. *Spenser's Pastoral.*

The grief thereof him wondrous sore diseased, Ne might his *rankling* pain with patience be appeased. *Fairy Queen.*

That fresh bleeding wound Whilome doth *rankle* in my riven breast. *Fairy Queen.*

Beware of yonder dog; Look, when he fawns, he bites; and, when he bites, His venom tooth will *rankle* to the death. *Shakefp.*

The storm of his own rage the fool confounds, And envy's *rankling* sting th' imprudent wounds. *Sandys.*

Thou shalt feel, enrag'd with inward pains, The hydra's venom *rankling* in thy veins. *Addison.*

I have endur'd the rage of secret grief, A malady that burns and *rankles* inward. *Rowe.*

On the *rank'd* soul the fury falls. *Thomson.*

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RANKLY. *adv.* [*from rank*.] Coarsely; grossly.

'Tis given out, that, sleeping in my garden, A serpent flung me: so the whole ear of Denmark Is, by a forged process of my death, *Rankly* abus'd. *Shakefp. Hamlet.*

RANKNESS. *n. f.* [*from rank*.] Exuberance; superfluity of growth.

It bringeth forth abundantly, through too much *rankness*, things less profitable, whereby that which principally it should yield, being either prevented in place, or defrauded of nourishment, faileth. *Hooker, b. v. f. iii.*

Begin you to grow upon me; I will phylick your *rankness*. *Shakefp. As You Like it.*

Among the crowd i' th' abbey, where a finger Could not be wedg'd in more; I am stifled With the mere *rankness* of their joy. *Shakefp. Hen. VIII.*

We'll like a bated and retired flood, Leaving our *rankness* and irregular course, Stoop low within those bounds, we have o'erlook'd. *Shak.*

The crane's pride is in the *rankness* of her wing. *L'Estr.*

He the stubborn foil manur'd, With rules of husbandry the *rankness* cur'd; Tam'd us to manners. *Dryden.*

RANNY. *n. f.* The shrewmouse.

The mus araneus, the shrewmouse or *ranny*. *Brown.*

TO RAN'SACK. *v. a.* [*nan*, Saxon, and *saka*, Swedish, to search for or seize.]

1. To plunder; to pillage.

A covetous spirit, Warily awaited day and night, From other covetous fiends it to defend, Who it to rob and *ranjack* did intend. *Fairy Queen.*

Their vow is made to *ranjack* Troy. *Shakefp.*

Men by his suggestion taught, *Ranjack'd* the centre, and with impious hands Rifled the bowels of the earth. *Milton.*

The *ranjack'd* city, taken by our toils, We left, and hither brought the golden spoils. *Dryden.*

The spoils which they from *ranjack'd* houses brought, And golden bowls from burning altars caught. *Dryden.*

2. To search narrowly.

I *ranjack* the several caverns, and search into the store-houses of water, to find out where that mighty mass of water, which overflowed the earth, is bestowed. *Woodward.*

3. To violate; to deflower.

With greedy force he 'gan the fort assail, Wherof he weened posses'd soon to be, And with rich spoil of *ranjack'd* chastity. *Fairy Queen.*

RANSOME. *n. f.* [*ranson*, Fr.] Price paid for redemption from captivity or punishment.

By his captivity in Austria, and the heavy *ransom* that he paid for his liberty, Richard was hindered to pursue the conquest of Ireland. *Davies on Ireland.*

Ere the third dawning light Return, the stars of morn shall see him rise, The *ransom* paid, which man from death redeemes, His death for man. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xii.*

Has the prince lost his army or his liberty? Tell me what province they demand for *ransom*. *Denham.*

This as a *ransom* Albemarle did pay, For all the glories of so great a life. *Dryden.*

To adore that great mystery of divine love, God's sending his only son into this world to save sinners, and to give his life a *ransom* for them, would be noble exercise for the pens of the greatest wits. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

Th' avenging pow'r Thus will persist, relentless in his ire, Till the fair slave be render'd to her fire, And *ransom* free restor'd to his abode. *Dryden.*

TO RANSOME. *v. a.* [*ransonner*, Fr.] To redeem from captivity or punishment.

How is't with Titus Lartius? —Condemning some to death and some to exile, *Ransoming* him, or pitying, threatening the other. *Shakefp.*

I will *ransom* them from the grave, and redeem them from death. *Hosea xiii. 14.*

He'll dying rise, and rising with him raise His brethren, *ransom'd* with his own dear life. *Milton.*

RANSOMELESS. *adj.* [*from ransom*.] Free from ranfome.

Ransomeless here we set our prisoners free. *Shakefp.*

Deliver him Up to his pleasure *ransomeless* and free. *Shakefp.*

TO RANT. *v. n.* [*randen*, Dutch, to rave.] To rave in violent or high sounding language without proportionable dignity of thought.

Look where my *ranting* host of the garter comes; there is either liquor in his pate, or money in his purse, when he looks so merrily. *Shakefp. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

Nay, an thou't mouth, I'll *rant* as well as thou. *Shak.*

They have attacked me; some with piteous moans, others grinning and only shewing their teeth, others *ranting* and hectoring, others scolding and reviling. *Stillington's RANT.*